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1. AMBASSADOR HARRY G. BARNES, JR. OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT IN THE ROMANIAN SEASIDE TOWN OF CONSTANTA AT NOON TODAY (JUNE 28). THE EXHIBIT, BEING SHOWN AT THE TOMIS SPORT COMPLEX ON STRADA FLAMINDA, HAS ALREADY BEEN SEEN IN BUCHAREST AND BRASOV, AND WILL END ITS STAY IN ROMANIA WHEN IT CLOSES IN CONSTANTA JULY 14. IT IS OPEN EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAY FROM 11 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 7 AT NIGHT. AT TODAY'S CEREMONIES, WHICH WERE ATTENDED BY SOME 150 ROMANIAN POLITICAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL FIGURES, THE FIRST ADDRESS WAS GIVEN BY ION POPPA, THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OF THE CONSTANTA JUDET. AMBASSADOR BARNES THEN SPOKE, AND THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS;

2. MR PRESIDENT, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY, FIRST, TO HELP INAUGURATE THIS EXHIBIT, AND SECOND, BECAUSE IT IS ALWAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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PLEASANT TO BE IN CONSTANTA IN THE SUMMERTIME. I WAS FORTUNATE

ENOUGH TO BE HERE JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN OUR SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION VISITED YOUR CITY AND LEARNED AT THAT TIME SOMETHING ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HERE. IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT CONSTANTA SHOULD HOST AN EXHIBIT DEALING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT, BECAUSE BEING A MAJOR TOURIST CENTER, THIS FAMOUS SEAPORT AND INDUSTRIAL CENTER IS VITALLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF CLEAN AIR AND CLEAN WATER. THESE PROBLEMS ARE, OF COURSE, DIRECTLY RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL GROWTH. IT IS THIS INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, MADE POSSIBLE BY ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY, THAT WE IN THE UNITED STATES DISCOVERED WAS POLLUTING OUR AIR, WATER AND SOIL. THIS POSED A PROBLEM, FOR IT IS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT MAKES A BETTER LIFE POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE, A MORE COMFORTABLE AND RICHER LIFE. TO MAINTAIN THIS GROWTH, AND YET TO PROTECT AND RESTORE AT THE SAME TIME OUR ENVIRONMENT, WE CREATED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WHICH HAS MUCH THE SAME FUNCTIONS AS YOUR NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. BY CREATING THESE AGENCIES, BOTH OUR COUNTRIES MADE A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO USE TECHNOLOGY -- THE SAME TECHNOLOGY WHICH MADE THE RAPID INDUSTRIAL GROWTH POSSIBLE -- TO ENABLE OUR DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE IN A WAY THAT WOULD DO NO LASTING DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT; INDEED, IN A WAY THAT WOULD REPAIR MUCH OF THE DAMAGE ALREADY DONE.

THIS EXHIBIT IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR FAITH IN THE PROPER USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO HELP INDUSTRY PROVIDE A BETTER AND MORE HEALTHY LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

THE TASK OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON THIS EARTH CROSSES NATIONAL BOUNDARIES, AND THE PRESENCE OF THIS EXHIBIT IN ROMANIA IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE OUR SMALL PLANET A HEALTHY AND HAPPY PLACE FOR ALL. OUR SPECIAL THANKS GO TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE MARINE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND THE TOMIS SPORT COMPLEX, FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THIS EXHIBIT. LET ME NOW DECLARE THE EXHIBIT OPEN, AND INVITE ALL OF YOU TO VISIT ITS DISPLAYS.

3. THE EXHIBIT SHOWS THE LATEST INSTRUMENTS FOR MEASURING AIR, WATER, SOIL, AND NOISE POLLUTION, AS WELL AS DEVICES FOR CONTROLLING AND ELIMINATING UUF TYPES OF POLLUTION. OVER 200,000 PEOPLE HAVE FILED THROUGH DURING ITS STAY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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